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FROM JOSEPH EDER, DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN BRANCH, USGAO

USCINCEUR FOR ECCM-F

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: GAO VISIT

1. GAO HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES TO STUDY DA'S PLAN TO ACQUIRE ROLAND SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE SYSTEM. SYSTEM IS PRODUCED IN EUROPE BY MESSERSCHMIDT-BOKLOW-BLOHM COMPANY OF GERMANY AND AEROSPATIALE COMPANY OF FRANCE. A BILATERAL TRUST CALLED EUROMISSILE WAS ESTABLISHED TO LICENSE HUGHES AIRCRAFT CO. IN CALIFORNIA TO MANUFACTURE THIS SYTEM FOR THE U.S. ARMY.

2. THE COMMITTEE HAS ASKED US TO OBTAIN ANSWERS TO CERTAIN QUESTIONS CONCERNING STATUS, COSTS, AND CAPABILITIES OF THE EUROPEAN SYSTEM. WE PLAN TO VISIT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS IN FRANCE. OTHER CONTACTS MAY BE MADE IF NECESSARY--. MR. LAURENS DELPECH, MINISTER DELEGATE FOR ARMAMENT, FRENCH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, PARIS. MR. STRIEGEL, HEAD OF EUROMISSILE, PARIS.

3. APPOINTMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE IN WASHINGTON. MESSRS. PAUL CARPENTER AND TIM HEALY OF MY STAFF AND MR. GEORGE SOUSA OF OUR WASHINGTON OFFICE ARE SCHEDULED TO BE IN PARIS DECEMBER 10, 1976, FOR THE MEETINGS. THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY COL. MARSHALL OF THE U.S. PROJECT LIAISON OFFICE IN PARIS.

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4. DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN BRANCH, USGAO, CERTIFIES THAT THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES OF THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE HAVE BEEN GRANTED TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES ON THE BASIS OF FULL FIELD INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO 10450. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE HONORED UNLESS THE PERSONS NAMED BELOW PRESENT OFFICIAL U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS. PAUL S. CARPENTER, BORN JULY 7, 1941, DATE OF CLEARANCE SEPTEMBER 20, 1972. TIMOTHY R. HEALY, BORN OCTOBER 30, 1943, DATE OF CLEARANCE JANUARY 16, 1975. MR. SOUSA WILL PROVIDE A SEPARATE LETTER OF SECURITY CLEARANCE.

5. MY APOLOGIES FOR THE SHORT NOTICE. IT IS UNAVOIDABLE. LEHMANN

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